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SUBJ: (DEATH OF LARRY GILLEY)

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1. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST
2. SUMMARY: MEXICAN POLICE LOCATED REMAINS OF LARRY WADE GILLEY ON JANUARY
26. BODY WAS EXHUMED ON JANUARY 27, MRS MARLENE GILLEY AND SON IN LAW THOMAS GRUGLE MADE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF BODY ON JANUARY 28, AND BODY WAS BURIED LOCALLY. AMCONSUL ASSISTED THROUGHOUT.
3. MRS GILLEY CALLED AMCONSUL JANUARY 18 CITING ANNONYMOUS LETTER WRITTEN IN SPANISH WHICH DESCRIBED LOCATION OF HER HUSBAND BODY. LETTER SAID THAT SIMILAR INFORMATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO AMCONSUL ALONG WITH HUSBAND S PERSONAL EFFECTS. MRS. GILLEY WAS INFORMED THAT AMCONSUL HAD RECEIVED NEITHER REPORTS ON GUILLEY WHEREABOUTS NOR HIS EFFECTS. SHE WAS THEN ASKED TO MAIL A COPY OF THE LETTER TO THE AM CONSUL IMMEDIATELY AND DESCRIBE THE LOCATION VERBALLY SO THAT AN INVESTIGATION COULD BE INITIATED. AMCONSUL REPORTED LETTER TO POLICE IN AMECA JALICO, A RURAL COMMUNITY APPROXIMATELY FIFTY MILES WEST OF GUADALAJARA

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CONOFF AND FSL EMPLOYEE DEPARTED FOR AMECA AND LOCATED THE SITE DESCRIBED IN LETTER. APPROXIMATELY THREE AND HALF KILOMETERS FROM THE TOWN. THE AREA WAS MARKED WITH TWO RED FENCE POSTS, A RED X ON A TREE AND TWO RED ROCKS, CONSULAR PERSONNEL IMMEDIATELY REPORTED THIS TO THE AUTHORITIES AND RETURNED TO THE SITE WITH THE COM MANDER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE AND AN INVESTIGATOR OF

THE STATE POLICE. CONSULAR PERSONNEL AND POLICE INVESTIGATED AREA AND QUESTIONED LOCAL FARMERS FOR ONE HOUR. THERE WAS NO TRACE OF A GRAVE AND ALL LOCALS DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY DIGGING IN THE AREA DESCRIBED IN THE LETTER ADDING THAT THE HARD SOIL WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DIG A GRAVE UNDETECTED. THE POLICE BECAME SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE LETTER SINCE A/ THERE WAS NO APPARENT SIGN OF A GRAVE, B) THE LOCALS INDICATED THAT NO GRAVE HAD EVER BEEN DUG IN THAT AREA, C) THE SITE WAS TWENTY FIVE KILOMETERS FROM THE AIRSTRIP WHERE GUILLEY S PLANE CRASHED D) THE LETTER FALSELY STATED THAT THE INFORMATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE AMCONSUL. POLICE ELECTED TO POSTPONE DIGGING UNTIL THE COPY OF THE LETTER ARRIVED INDICATING AN EXACT LOCATION. THIS WAS REPORTED BY AMCONSUL TO MRS GUILLEY THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 18 .

4. MRS GUILLEY CALLED THE CONGEN ON JANUARY 20 AND COMPLAINED OF THE LACK OF ACTION. SHE WAS TOLD THAT POLICE WERE INVESTIGATING AND WERE AWAITING HER LETTER.

5. COPY OF LETTER ARRIVED AT AMCONSUL ON JANUARY 23, AND A COPY WAS SENT BY BUS TO AMECA TO ENSURE IT WOULD BE DELIVERED TO POLICE THAT AFTERNOON.

6. AMCONSUL ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT AMECA POLICE COMMANDER ON JANUARY 24, BUT HE WAS AT ALLEGED GRAVE SITE.

7. MRS GUILLEY CALLED CONGEN ON JANUARY 25, INQUIRING ABOUT PROGRESS ON CASE. SHE WAS TOLD THAT POLICE HAD RECEIVED UNCLASSIFIED

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LETTER AND CAUTIONED NOT TO HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN LETTER , LATER AMECA POLICE COMMANDER WAS CONTACTED BY CONGEN AND REPORTED THAT DIGGING IN AREA HAD DISCOVERED NOTHING BUT THE SEARCH WOULD CONTINUE. THIS INFORMATION WAS RELAYED BY PHONE TO MRS GILLEY S SON IN LAW THOMAS GRUGLE.

8. THE AMECA POLICE CALLED AMCONSUL THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 26 TO REPORT THAT A SMALL IRRIGATION DITCH AT THE SITE HAD BEEN DRAINED AND THAT A SUSPICIOUS ODOR HAD BEEN DETECTED WHILE DIGGING AT THE DITCH. SHORTLY BEFORE SUNDOWN A HUMAN DEAD WAS UNCOVERED. THE GRAVE WAS THEN REFILLED BECAUSE THE POLICE HAD NO ORDER TO EXHUME THE REMAINS. MRS TUILLEY WAS NOTIFIED OF THE DISCOVERY OF A BODY AND INFORMED OF THE NEED TO IDENTIFY THE REMAINS. SHE OFFERED TO FLY TO GUADALAJARA THE FOLLOWING DAY. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT SHE BE ACCOMPANIED BY A MALE RELATIVE OR FRIEND TO ASSIST HER. ON JANUARY 27.

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9. CONGEN ALERTED LOCAL FUNERAL HOME OF DISCOVERY OF REMAINS. CONSULAR OFFICER RETURNED TO AMECA TO WITNESS EXHUMATION OF REMAINS. LOCAL AUTHORITIES PLANNED TO LEAVE THE BODY IN THE GRAVE UNTIL MRS. GILLEY ARRIVED TO IDENTIFY IT, AND THEN EXHUME IT IN HER PRESENCE. CONSULAR OFFICER SPENT FIVE AND ONE HALF HOURS MEETING WITH STATE AND LOCAL POLICE, THE JUDGE, THE MINISTERIO PUBLICO, THE PRESIDENTE MUNICIPAL, AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND FINALLY CONVINCED ALL PARTIES THAT SUCH A PROCEDURE WOULD BE UNNECESSARILY TRAUMATIC FOR MRS GILLEY. AT SUNDOWN THE EXHUMATION BEGAN. CONSULAR OFFICER REMAINED AT GRAVE SITE FOR ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS WHILE BODY WAS BEING REMOVED TO ENSURE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NEEDLESSLY DISMEMBERED. CONSULAR OFFICER THEN WITNESSED A BRIEF GRAVE SITE EXAMINATION OF THE DECOMPOSED CORPSE. HE ACCOMPANIED THE REMAINS TO THE LOCAL HEALTH CENTER AND ARRANGED TO HAVE THE BODY CLEANED BEFORE IT WAS VIEWED BY MRS GILLEY.
10. CONSULAR OFFICER AND LOCAL EMPLOYEE PICKED UP MRS BILLEY AND THOMAS GRUGLE AT HOTEL IN GUADALAJARA ON JANUARY 28 AND DROVE THEM TO AMECA. AFTER MEETING WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS. MRS GILLEY AND MR GRUGLE WENT TO THE HEALTH CENTER TO IDENTIFY THE BODY. IN ORDER TO SPARE THEM THE SHOCK OF VIEWING THE BADLY DISFIGURED EXTREMITIES, THE FACE HANDS AND FEET, THE CONSULAR OFFICER ASSISTED IN COVERING THE BODY AND LEAVING EXPOSED ONLY THE KNEE WHICH CARRIED A RECOGNIZABLE SCAR.
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MRS GILLEY ALSO IDENTIFIED HER HUSBAND S CLOTHES. CONSULAR OFFICER AND LOCAL EMPLOYEE THEN ACCOMPANIED MRS GILLEY AND MR GRUGLE TO THE JUDGE S OFFICE TO MAKE THEIR STATEMENTS. CONSULAR OFFICER LOANED MRS GILLEY FUNDS TO PAY FOR A DEATH CERTIFICATE FROM THE CIVIL REGISTRY. MRS GILLEY WAS

INFORMED THAT THE AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT REQUIRE AN AUTOPSY, AND SHE AND MR. GRUGLE WHO IS STUDYING PATHOLOGY, DECIDED THAT A PRIVATE AUTOPSY ON THE DECOMPOSED CORPSE WOULD NOT BE USEFUL. MRS GILLEY CHOSE TO HAVE THE BODY BURIED LOCALLY AND CONSULAR OFFICER AND LOCAL EMPLOYEE ASSISTED HER IN CONTACTING THE LOCAL FUNERAL HOME. WHEN HEALTH CENTER PERSONNEL DECLINED TO PUT BODY INTO CASKET CONSULAR OFFICER AND LOCAL EMPLOYEE FOUND TWO WORKERS WILLING TO DO SO. AT CEMETERY CONSULAR PERSONNEL LOANED MRS GILLEY SEVEN HUNDRED PESOS SO THAT SHE COULD PAY FOR THE INVESTIGATION. 11. MRS GILLEY ON THE PROGRESS OF HIS INVESTIGATION. 11. CONSULAR PERSONNEL DROVE MRS GILLY AND MR GRUGLE BACK TO GUADALAJARA AND ARRANGED FOR LODGING FOR THEM. MRS GILLEY COMMENTED THAT PRIOR TO GOING TO GUADALAJARA SHE HAD BEEN CRITICAL OF THE COGEN'S ACTIONS, BUT THAT SHE CHANGED HER MIND AS SHE BECAME AWARE OF THE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE AMCONSUL IS REQUIRED TO OPERATE. AS CONSULAR OFFICER DEPARTED HOTEL, MRS GILLEY EXPRESSED HER GRATITUDE FOR ALL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE COGEN. MRS GILLEY INDICATED THAT SHE AND HER SON IN LAW WOULD RETURN TO TEXAS ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 30.

12. FS-192 FOR GILLEY WILL BE COMPLETED WHEN REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ARE RECEIVED BY AMCONSUL.
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